

IN THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. *(Currently Amended)* An information storage medium comprising a disc-like shape substrate having a center hole and a peripheral side, said medium comprising:

~~a data area formed on the substrate and configured to store or to record given information and being formed on the substrate;~~

~~a clamp area located outside the center hole and inside the data area; and
at least one notch or groove provided on at least one portion of the peripheral side.
one or more notches or grooves provided on at least one of:~~

~~a portion of the peripheral side,
another portion of the center hole, and
still another portion around the clamp area.~~

2. *(Original)* The medium of claim 1, wherein said medium is an optical disc formed of a single disc substrate.

3. *(Original)* The medium of claim 1, wherein said medium is an optical disc formed of double disc substrates being adhered together with a given adhesive.

4. *(Currently Amended)* The medium of claim 1, wherein said ~~at least one~~ notch or groove is formed at ~~a corner edge of the peripheral side~~ ~~an edge of the peripheral side to enable~~ tactual recognition of the notch or groove.

5. – 9. *(Withdrawn)*.

10. *(Currently Amended)* The medium of claim 1, wherein said medium comprises a front surface and a rear surface, and wherein said data area is provided on the front surface.

11. (*Currently Amended*) The medium of claim 10, wherein said data area is also provided on the rear surface.

12. (*Original*) The medium of claim 10, wherein a label area is provided on the rear surface.

13. (*Withdrawn*).

14. (*Currently Amended*) The medium of claim 1, wherein said ~~one or more notches or grooves is/are at least one notch or groove is~~ configured to indicate a type, or a kind, or a medium side, or contents of the medium.

15. – 20. (*Withdrawn*).

21. (*New*) The medium of claim 4, wherein said at least one notch or groove is configured to indicate a type, or a kind, or a medium side, or contents of the medium.

22. (*New*) The medium of claim 1, wherein said peripheral side is provided with a plurality of portions each having said at least one notch or groove.

23. (*New*) The medium of claim 4, wherein said peripheral side is provided with a plurality of portions each having said at least one notch or groove.